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NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Amendments to the Chairman's working paper (NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/35)
(to replace text in paragraphs 58 to 60)

Submitted by New Zealand

1. **The nuclear weapon States demonstrate an unequivocal commitment to the speedy and total elimination of their respective nuclear weapons and without delay agree to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to the elimination of these weapons, thereby fulfilling their obligations under Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).** [replace para. 58]

2. **The nuclear weapon States recognise the importance of undertaking the necessary steps towards the seamless integration of all five nuclear weapon States into the process leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons.** [replace para. 59]

3. **The nuclear weapon States acknowledge the need to pursue vigorously the reduction of reliance on non-strategic nuclear weapons and negotiation on their elimination as an integral part of their overall nuclear disarmament activities.** [replace para. 59]

4. **The nuclear weapon States, as an interim measure, manifest their commitment to the de-alerting of their nuclear weapons and in turn to the removal of nuclear warheads from delivery vehicles.** [replace para. 59]

5. The States parties **confirm** that the Conference on Disarmament, the international community's standing body for disarmament negotiations, is mandated to pursue all items on its agenda, including nuclear disarmament. The Conference on Disarmament is the appropriate forum for multilateral dialogue and the negotiation of further steps, as appropriate, which contribute to the goal of the elimination of nuclear weapons. [replace para. 60]

6. **The States parties call upon the Conference on Disarmament to establish an appropriate subsidiary body to deal with nuclear disarmament and, to that end, to pursue as a matter of priority its intensive consultations on appropriate methods and approaches with a goal to reaching such a decision without delay.** [replace para. 60]

Note: New language in bold.

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